

**HE WOULD TAKE IT.**

J. D. McCleery Talks About the Governorship.

**SAYS THE MATTER TOO FAR AHEAD**

*For Him to Talk About It, but the Influence is Evidently Gathered From His Remarks That He Would Accept the Nomination.*

J. D. McCleery of Fort Scott is in the city attending the sessions of the supreme court. Mr. McCleery's name has been mentioned in connection with the Democratic nomination for governor and he has a large following who will urge his nomination at the Democratic state convention.

In conversation with a JOURNAL reporter this morning, he said: "Personally I am not a candidate for the nomination for governor on the Democratic ticket, and have not even thought of such a thing. I have seen my name mentioned in connection with the office, but I presume that it is because I am a Democrat."

When asked if he would accept a nomination if it were tendered him, he said: "Well, that's too far away. We can't tell all that we will do in the future, and the party will no doubt bring out some good men and poll a larger vote than ever before."

"Fusion is a thing of the past and there is no prospect of its being adopted in Kansas politics again. We shall have a straight ticket in the field and while I do not pretend to declare the policy of the party in the next campaign yet I think we shall fight prohibition and woman suffrage and our opposition to these two evils will win for me lots of votes in the next campaign."

"The party is getting together and in a few months will be a solid phalanx fighting for the principles of the party and in full accord with the national administration because the cause that will be pursued by congress from now on will harmonize all factions of the party."

**WOULD TAX ESTATES.**

The Proposed Income Tax Doesn't Suit His Ideas.

Governor Lewelling has been interviewed for his opinion on the proposed income tax by a New York World correspondent, together with all the other governors.

He said that he was in favor of a graduated property tax and was not in favor of no income tax, unless nothing better could be had. He would accept an income tax in preference to no legislation along that line. He believes the large estates should be taxed and in a majority of states some tax is collected.

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It would furnish the money to government, so there would be no longer any excuse for refusing to pay the ex-soldiers the large sum due them on account of the depreciated money they were paid in; and it would take the money without injustice or oppression by a just process of taxation from those who have piled it up through favoritism, class legislation, unjust processes, and inhuman methods."

**LOCAL MENTION.**

John D. Drake has sued his wife, Emma Drake, for a divorce on the ground of abandonment.

A safety bicycle was stolen from Wm. Taylor's cycle store on East Seventh street, last night.

Officer Blumstock last night found the bicycle that was stolen from William Taylor at a house on Quincy street. The people living there reported that they found it in their alley.

Mrs. W. P. Donthatt was elected president of the Topeka Orphans' Home at the meeting yesterday. Mrs. Howell Jones refused to let her name be used in connection with the office.

Dr. Billie Hough French's latest play, titled for the Grand on next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The company are direct from the Garden theater in New York and are excellent artists.

The funeral of Mrs. Alex Seeler, who died yesterday morning at her home in Tecumseh, was held at 6 o'clock yesterday from her late residence. Mrs. Seeler was one of the old residents of Shawnee county and was 65 years old.

Two cases of scarlet fever and one of diphtheria have been reported to the board of health as follows: Diphtheria, L. G. Goodwin, 1014 West street; Scarlet fever, Willie Martin, 908 Topeka Avenue; Scarlet fever, Mrs. Smiter, 1841 Dillon street.

Anderson Scales has applied to the district court for a divorce from his wife, Amanda Scales, on the grounds of extreme cruelty. In his petition he says Mrs. Scales has been cruel to his children and she has been unable to keep peace in the family.

Judge Bates presided over a short session of the district court this morning. The damage case of the Topeka club members against the police commissioners was called, but the attorneys for the club were not present, and the case was passed on the docket.

Joe Webster was fined \$10 today for being drunk and disorderly. He asked a friend named Hamilton for a small loan last evening on Jackson and Eighth, to which Hamilton replied that he had to support his family first and his friends next. Webster took this as an insult and tried to "do him up."

The State Federation convention at Leavenworth did not endorse the "train" circular issued by Governor Lewelling as stated in the dispatches Tuesday. Bundles of the circulars were sent over to Leavenworth by some one and distributed among the delegates, but no mention of them was made by any one in the convention.

Try Phillips' mineral water. It is considered the finest water for the stomach. 312 W. Eighth avenue. Try it.

Try the Topeka Steam Laundry.

**THERE'S HOPE YET.**

Not All Tramps Are Degraded and dishonest.

Casper Elison of Emporia, was one of the delegates to the meeting of the German-American league held in Topeka this week. He spoke in highly complimentary terms of the governor's executive circular, relating to tramps and in that connection related the following story of local interest:

"In Emporia a few days ago I was accepted into a blacksmith shop near Second street and called to me. I looked around and saw the man I had helped. He held in his pocket and returned to me a silver dollar." He thanked me and said he had permanent work in Topeka, and added that I had done him a service he could never repay. Then he took me back to the blacksmith shop and gave me a good drink of whisky."

**AT THE THEATERS.**

Attractions at the Opera Houses for the Next Week.

At the Grand on Saturday evening W. A. Mahan's colored operatic minstrels are playing a one night's engagement. It is said that the company is an excellent one.

Next week's attractions at the Grand are superior. On Monday evening Stuart Robson presents the "Comedy of Errors." Mr. Robson is at the Gates in Kansas City this week and has been playing to great houses. The "Comedy of Errors" is played almost entirely by Mr. Robson this year and is one of his best plays.

On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings "Dr. Bull" will be the attraction at the Grand.

Dr. Pitt's the moonraker, is still drawing good houses at the Crawford and his entertainments will be continued through this week and perhaps next week.

**SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.**

The box of Christmas cigars is now nearly empty.

About 250 students are in attendance at Washburn college.

The expenses of the State university for last month were \$8,301.

The Topeka Section society will celebrate "Burns' day" January 23.

Bernard Kelly speaks at a G. A. R. camp fire at Severson this evening.

The Santa Fe has commenced running winter excursions to Texas points.

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**LIQUOR SALES REPORTED.**

A little Over 6,000 Bottles Sold by Thirty-two Druggists.

The following is the amount of liquor sold by Topeka druggists for December, according to the returns made to the probate judge, giving the number of sales made by each druggist:

J. E. Scimoneles 30, Chas. F. Payne 64, Lee Jones 85, E. B. Walker 182, L. S. Woodburn 216, A. H. Merrill 111, W. D. Woodward 146, C. W. Martin 68, R. A. Barrett 209, Chas. Mead 238, Rowley Brothers 423, Swift & Holliday 451, Jas. L. Brown 133, W. R. Kennedy 276, W. F. Kunz 106, R. W. Squires 54, M. Weightman, Jr. 155, A. J. Arnold 418, A. W. Lacy 423, J. A. Waltnite 152, Fred Hollier 312, H. A. Warner 54, P. M. Sheafor 106, W. H. Wilson 388, J. K. Jones 245, W. S. Merrick 12, D. Holmes 122, A. B. Woolverton 142, H. M. Washburn 87, Frank Hobart 156, L. D. McKinley 121. Total number of sales, 8,402, and thirty-two permits in force.

Among those present at yesterday's meeting were: Mrs. Jonathan Thomas, Major Sully, Edward Wilder, Mayor Harrison, T. E. Bowman, Prof. James Black, G. P. Noel, Reverend C. N. Sheldon, Alderson, Smith, File, Wake, Thomas, Archibald, Price, Owens and Banks.

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